GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4837
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ELECTRIFICATION OF SLUMS IN DELHI CANTT.
GAJENDRA SINGH RAJUKHEDI;KAMAL NATH

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the unfortunate accident near Kirby Place slum cluster in Delhi Cantonment on 9th September, 2002 when eight persons sleeping on the pavement were crushed to death by a speeding truck during the night;

(b) if so, whether these persons were compelled to sleep in open because of disconnection of electric supply to Jhuggi cluster by the military authorities;

(c) if so, whether the Government are considering ex gratia payment to the families of the deceased;

(d) if so, whether any proposal has been submitted by the agency responsible for electrification in Delhi Cantt. for slum dwellers and no objection certificate issued by military authorities; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to check such incidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir. A truck bearing No. MR-38C-8852 came over the pavement on the night of 9th September, 2002 in Delhi Cantonment area leading to an accident in which 8 persons were killed and 4 persons were injured.

(b) to (e): No, Sir. Neither any electric connections have ever been provided to the said slum cluster, which is an encroachment on Defence land at Kirby Place in Delhi Cantonment, nor any such proposal for grant of `No Objection Certificate` for provision of electric supply to these JJ Clusters has been received by Military Authorities.Therefore, the Government is not liable to pay ex-gratia compensation, etc. to the victims of such accidents.